

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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WHEREAS, the care, protection, and nurturing of children has traditionally been the responsibility of biological parents, with support from other family members and the community; and

WHEREAS, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and siblings are stepping forward in ever-increasing numbers to assume full responsibility for children whose parents are unable or unwilling to appropriately parent; and

WHEREAS, these kin face day-to-day challenges as well as emotional, financial, and legal obstacles, often alone and without support; and

WHEREAS, they are committed to providing these children with a healthy, safe, and happy childhood; and

WHEREAS, the significant contribution of the care and nurturing of these children by their relatives deserves to be recognized;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2014 as

Kinship Caregiver Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 6th day of March, 2014

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